(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) As per entry 5 of the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Municipality is a State subject. In view of this, it is for the State Government to take necessary action for providing training to personnel involved in management of cities. However, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is providing training facilities to various functionaries of the Municipalities through four Regional Centres for Urban and Environmental Studies located at Mumbai, Hyderabad, Lucknow and New Delhi. These Centres provide training in various subjects concerning urban development and municipal administration. To improve the capacity of elected women representatives of Urban Local Bodies, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has initiated a programme in which training to all elected women Councillors of Urban Local Bodies is being provided through State level training institutes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Unauthorised occupation of land opposite Birla Mandir

†4002. SHRI MUNAWAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1228 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2003 and state:

(a) the date on which the plot facing the Birla Mandir was handed over to the New Delhi Municipal Council, extent of illegal occupation was thereon when the same was handed over and the details of illegal occupation increased and reduced as on date;

(b) whether he is aware that the illegal occupation thereon has gone up for the last three months and can be testified by the adjoining residential societies; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) by when, the Municipal Council propose to get the entire plot vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHAN): (a) to (c) The plot opposite Birla Mandirwas handed over to the N.D.M.C. on 7.3.2000. The details of illegal occupation and encroachment are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Financial Assistance for poverty alleviation scheme

4003. SHRI R KAMRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of families which are below poverty line all over the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Poverty Alleviation Schemes implemented through the Central Government alongwith the financial allocation for this scheme for the last three years;

(c) the total number of families benefited by these schemes;

(d) whether Government propose to provide more financial assistance to those States where this scheme is implemented properly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHAN): (a) State-wise details of the Urban persons Below Poverty Line as intimated by the Planning Commission in their latest Below Poverty Line Estimates during 199&-2000 is placed in the Statement. (See below).

(b) Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgai Yojana (SJSRY) is the only Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation programme being implemented by this Ministry through the State Governments/Union Territories with effect from 1.12.1997. A sum of Rs. 8513.00 lakh, Rs. 3831.00 lakh and Rs. 10091.77 lakh have been released to the States/ Union Territories under SJSRY during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively.

(c) Based on the reports received from the State/Union Territory Governments till 31st March, 2003.500645 persons have been assisted through setting up of micro enterprises, 448322 persons have been imparted training and 440.98 lakh mandays of work have been generated.